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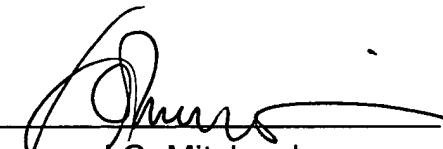
Responsive to the Official Action, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims

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Respectfully submitted,

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